### EVADING CIVIL SERVICE.

### City Employes Paying High Price to Become Exempt Firemen.

Hundreds of city employes hope to enjoy the immunity from molestation accorded by Civil Service rules to veterans of the Civil War by becoming exempt firemen. During the past two years, and especially during the past six weeks, hundreds of men, city employes for the most part, have been joining the volunteer fire companies in Staten Island and Queens. They hope that when the city musters out the volunteer companies to extend the paid department they will be discharged as exempt men, and, as such, enjoy all the rights of war grans. Incidental to this wholesale joining of fire departments, rumors of graft through syndicate workings are affoat, and, while such a rumor is extremely difficult to prove, it is said that a number of applicants for admission have been told the companies' membership rolls would be found "full" unless they first "saw" those who control the situstion. After "seeing" the powers that be, it is declared, nothing stands in the way of election to membership, the restrictions regarding the complement of men for the various grades being en-tirely disregarded. Those compelled to pay from \$35 to \$100 to the syndicate for the privilege of being allowed to join the volunteer companies count it a cheap price for insuring themselves against removal from their city jobs.

When it was noticed that men were joining the solunteer companies by the scores, and even by the hundreds, the initiation fee was raised from a few dollars to \$100. The city pays \$800 yearly to volunteer hose companies for their support, \$1,000 to hook and ladder companies and \$1,200 to steamer

When the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was recently asked for a sufficient approon to enable Commissioner Hayes to extend the paid Fire Department to Queens and word was passed around among city employes that the time to "get in out of the wet" had arrived, and there was a noticeable increase in the applications for membership in fire companies. The plan was to become exempt firemen in few months instead of performing five years' hard service before being discharged.

When the Board of Estimate reduced the appro-priation asked for to the sum of \$200,000 for salaries and \$80,000 for maintenance, and it was announced that Staten Island and the Rockaways ould be recognized first, since there was not sufficient money to abolish the volunteer departments throughout the two boroughs, recruiting decreased elsewhere, and centred in Richmond and the Rockaways, and it was then that the alleged grafting syndicate was formed.

The place of the applicant's residence makes little or no difference in his election to a fire company in a different borough. One Queens Borough man, for instance, who works in the office of Manhattan's Berough President, has joined a Staten Island fire

Berough President, has joined a Staten Island fire company. Many Manhattan men are now on the rolls of the Richmond fire companies.

It had been generally supposed that the complement of men was limited to thirty in hose companies, forty in truck companies, and so on. The rush to secure immunity from molestation under the Civil Service laws has produced such sharp competition to join the fire companies that the supposed limit is reported to have been largely exceeded in many companies. Those legally holding membership in the volunteer fire departments will become exempt firemen when mustered out. The legal status of members elected in excess of the prescribed complements is a question yet to be setuled, and these will probably have no chance of being recognized as exempt firemen because of the illegality of their election. Many of the volunteer companies will be mustered out within a few months, it is said, and city employes or prospective city employes in the volunteer companies, if the rolls are not full, will have the same legal status as regards tenure of office as veterans of the Civil War.

#### THE COTTON REPORT "LEAK."

Hyde to Return.

### Investigation Shifts to Larger Cities-Mr.

Washington, June 11.-The inquiry into the charges that information regarding the condition of the crops has leaked from the Department of Agriculture in advance of the issuance of the reports has been shifted from Washington to some of the larger cities of the country. In those cities the Secret Service agents are making inquiries that are expected to occupy several days. It is not possible to obtain at the department the names of the firms or persons of whom the inquiries are being made, or even the cities where they are located. A complete report on the whole inquiry is not expected for a week or ten days.

secretary Wilson to-night confirmed the report that John Hyde, the statistician of the Department of Agriculture, who left this country a few days ago for Europe, had been directed to return to the United States as early as possible. There is not the slightest breath of suspicion against Mr. Hyde," said Secretary Wilson, "but it is preferable that Mr. Hyde be at his office at

### TAKE ISSUE WITH JUSTICE GAYNOR.

#### Bay State Medical Men Against Druggists Altering Prescriptions.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Boston, June 11.—Medical men of this State and the State health authorities vigorously protest against the precedent established by the recent Supreme Court decision by Justice Gaynor, of Brooklyn, which was interpreted by some to mean that a druggist could alter a physician's prescription. They are unanimous in urging that opinion be rejected by the Massachusetts

It would put a premium, it is declared, on the mixture of foreign ingredients with such standard drugs as phenacetine, for example, the result of which would be an effect other than planned by the writer of the prescription and might result in

### MANY HURT IN TROLLEY ACCIDENT.

Trenton, N. J., June 11.-Langhorne Johnson was severely hurt last night when two trolley cars of the line between this city and Princeton crashed into each other. He is in the Mercer Hospital with probably fatal injuries to his spine. He also has a broken nose, a lacerated face and concussion of the brain. A score of others were hurt, but are doing well.

of the Princeton car. He is alleged by the company to have overrun a red light, which was burning when the first relief car reached the signal pole. He is alleged to have outered the block and proceeded as if he had a clear right of way until he was almost upon the car bearing a crowd from the buschall game. the besecoall game.

Charles A. Carry, of Stroudsburg, Penn., is also
in a serious condition. He sustained a concussion
of the brain, and his recovery is doubtful.

company blames Oscar Kent, the motorman

### MURDERS WIFE ON FIFTH ATTEMPT.

Lyons, N. Y., June 11 .- Jacob Provo, a laborer, murdered his wife to-day by cutting her throat as she lay in bed and then inflicted a slight cut on his own neck. Provo's son saw his father beating his mother and soon afterward the father told him to go for help, as burglars had broken in and after attacking him, had killed his wife. The couple had been married twenty-four years and had eight children. Provo was insanely jealous of his wife, on whose life he had made four previous attempts. He was arrested and lodged in the Wayne County jail.

## FLOOD STOPS SUBWAY.

the passengers had to get out and wade to the \$3d-st. station. The other two stalled trains were in that part of the section north of 42d-st., and the passengers, after a wait, walked to the nearest stations, no water being in that part of

the subway. At the subway station at the Grand Central Station there was hardly any water, but at 41stst. the water was rising fast, covering the rails and reaching up to the bottom of the cars of a stalled train. There were two pumps with ejectors in that part of the subway, and they were set to work, but they could make no headway against the flood. Mr. Hedley seemed to be an angry man. He said there would be an investigation of the failure of the Water Department to respond to the call. It had been impossible to get any employes of the department to the scene of the accident for about two hours, although the police telephones were kept busy. The men who did respond to the call seemed to be helpless, without guides to tell what gate should be closed.

#### OUTSIDER STOPS THE LEAK.

It was not until about 7:30 p. m. that a person appeared who knew what to do, and he was not connected with the Water Department. He was Frank McClusky, a foreman of pipe repairs for the Degnon-McLean Construction Company. Years ago, in the employ of John D. and Thomas Crimmins, he had something to do with laying the water main in which the break of yesterday occurred. He was a passenger on a subway train which had been stopped at 32d-st., and, learning the cause of the trouble, ran to the scene. Happily, at the scene of the accident, he met Thomas Crimmins, who had gone there on hearing of the trouble, and Mr. Crimmins asked him to help the Water Department out of the trouble if he could.

McClusky knew what none of the Water Department men seemed able to discover, that the big main through Park-ave, connected with another main at 42d-st. and 3d-ave. Gathering some of the employes of the department, he soon had the gate there shut and the water cut off just as it had found a new entrance through the side wall of the surface car tunnel and threatened to flood it. The cars which run through this tunnel had been stopped for nearly an hour, but had again resumed operation when the new peril appeared.

It was 7:35 p. m., five hours from the discovery of the break, before the water was cut off. The excellent sewerage facilities of the neighborhood made the water disappear rapidly from that time on, and the lake which had collected soon dried up. The holes then looked like the crater of an extinct volcano.

#### FEAR WALLS ARE WEAKENED.

Chief Engineer Merritt, of the Interborough ter coming out of the subway, that it would be 5 o'clock at least before trains could be run through the point of trouble. The walls of the subway and of the Hotel Belmont may have been weakened by the great flood, he said, tons of water having poured, past, through and about them both. The police also said the Buildings Department would be informed.

Two engines were at work all night and morning pumping water out of the subway and pumps were being used in the Hotel Belmont's seven underground stories. Thomas Crimmins said:

"There are three mains running through Park-ave, in this district-a 6, a 12 and a 48 inch main-which is used for high pressure in the lower districts of the city, and which starts at the West 99th-st. pumping station, but connects with many other parts of a vast network of pipes. The delay has evidently been caused by uncertainty as to which of these many mains has broken. At this point the main is about eight feet below the surface, and the ground is about the hardest in the city.'

Speaking about the rumor that the dynamite explosion of three years ago at that place might have weakened the big main, Mr. Crimmins said that had that been the case it would long ago have been betrayed. As to the amount of water which was wasted during the afternoon, it could only be computed when the size of the break was known.

Mr. Crimmins said that the break was in a repair district which took in the territory bounded by the two rivers, 23d and 59th sts. He thought it a large district for one gang of

### men to cover.

HEDLEY TO ASK INVESTIGATION. Late last night Mr. Hedley, of the Interborough, was still examining the damage to the subway.

"This break and the long delay in remedying it," he said, "have caused possibly \$100,000 damage to us, with pumps at work steadily, damage to the roadbed, loss to traffic and lost and damaged armatures. This is the second time within six months that we have had this trouble on our lines.'

Mr. Hedley was evidently determined to make a thorough investigation and trace the responsibility for the delay and break clear to its source and even to Mayor McClellan if that were neces-

"As soon as I heard of the accident," he said, "I told the Water Supply Department, and two men were sent here. These men worked for a while without success. An hour and a half later I asked for more men. The department promised to send them, but up to 7:30 p. m. they had not arrived. I have been trying in vain to get Mayor McClellan or Commissioner Oakley, and I certainly will ask for some settlement from the city for the damages caused to the Interborough interests."

NONE OF WATER OFFICIALS IN TOWN.

Up to 11:10 p. m. Mayor McClellan, Commissioner Oakley, Consulting Engineer G. W. Birdsall of the Department of Water Supply. Secretary Prendergast, Deputy Commissioner Frank G. Goodwin, Assistant Engineer C. H. Bull of the Water Department, Water Registrar Joseph W. Savage and several other officials. sought at their homes, at their political clubs and places where they are sometimes found, could not be reached. In nearly every case it was said they were out of the city. Commissioner Oakley went to Rockaway in the early

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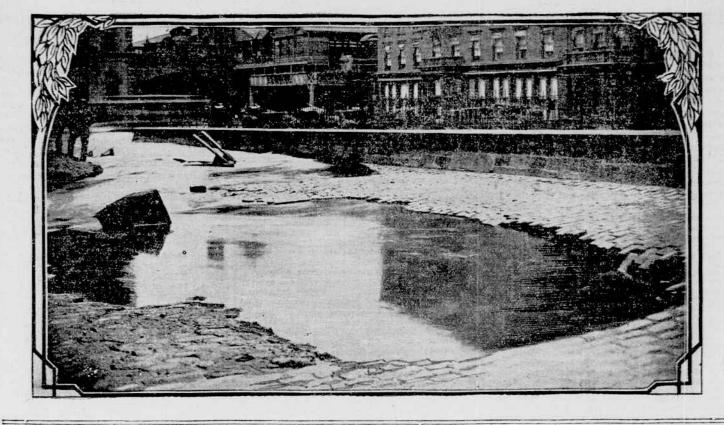
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PARK-AVE. AND 41ST-ST. AFTER THE BURSTING OF THE WATER MAIN.



One hundred men were set to work tamping down ballast in the subway and in the 4th-ave tunnel by way of repairs, so that trains could begin to run again.

It was said by employes of the Water Department that the closing of this big main would not in any way affect the supply for fire fighting purposes, either in that district or downtown, as it was only one main of several equally large which supplied the several districts. 50,000 PEOPLE TURN FROM SUBWAY.

The crippling of the subway by the accident turned away from it more than fifty thousand people. After the power was cut off from the section between 14th-st. and 72d-st. the Interborough officials caused warnings to be displayed at all the subway stations. Some trains were run at irregular intervals between Fultonst and 14th-st, and there was a similar service north of 72d-st. on the Broadway and Lenoxave, branches, but the warnings at the stations were sufficient to keep out all except a few venturesome persons, and the patronage of the road amounted to nothing.

A larger burden than usual was thrown on the surface cars in Broadway, which were overcrowded all last evening. The crowds of people arriving at the Brooklyn Bridge from Coney Company, said at 1:30 o'clock this morning, af- Island found the subway stations displaying the warning sign: "No trains running north of 14th-st." The result was a larger rush than usual to the elevated and surface cars.

During part of the evening the overcrowding on the surface cars going uptown was as pronounced as at the time of the recent strike on the lines of the Interborough system. Some subway trains were run all through the strike, but last night the subway was abandoned almost completely by the travelling public, and, although the elevated trains took care of part of the people, the rush seemed to be mainly to the open cars on the surface. People crowded those cars until there was not even standing room left between seats.

Some of the Interborough men seemed to fear last night that the accident might divert thousands of the regular patrons of the subway to the surface cars-at least during the summer. With all the talk of bad air in the subway, they said, the fear of delay from another such accident might prove a serious loss to the road.

### HOODOO ON PARK-AVE. SECTION.

The Park-ave, section of the subway has been particularly unfortunate. While it was being constructed the explosion of dynamite in front of the Murray Hill Hotel caused a frightful loss of life and injury to many persons. Later layers of rock slid into the tunnel, undermining the foundations of several houses in Park-ave. A fragment of falling rock fell on Mr. Shaler. the contractor for that section of the subway. and injured him so seriously that he died.

The accident at 86th-st, and Broadway som months ago in front of the Bretton Hall apartmonths ago in front of the Bretton Hall apart-ment hotel was almost exactly similar to the accident of yesterday, water from a broken street main being allowed to pour into the sub-way for hours before anybody connected with the Water Department could be found to shut off the deluge. The trains had to be stopped until the water could be pumped out. On that occasion the First Department, was called out to occasion the Fire Department was called out to

aid in the pumping.

Commissioner Oakley's secretary, Mr. Clark,
explained last night that a break to a water
main would be promptly repaired if a telephone message were sent to the repair shop of the Water Department, in West 37th-st., but a telephone message sent there during the evening was responded to by a boy, who explained that he was the only one in the office, and that he did not know when any of the men would be around or where he could reach them. Foreman Ryan, of the West 37th-st. station, reached the scene about the time McCluskey had found the right

### COLD FOR BEACH CROWDS.

### Few Arrests and Changeable Weather Mark Day at Coney Island.

The hundred thousand or more visitors to Coney Island yesterday received a decidedly cool welcome. so far as the weather was concerned. At 10 o'clock in the morning crowds were at the seashore, expecting a sultry summer day. The heat was of short duration, and a cold, windy afternoon and evening scattered the throng throughout the indoor amusements.

The cycle path which was practically deserted last summer, resembled the days when bicyclins was in vogue. The Ocean Boulevard had a record day for automobiles and carriages. A heavy touring automobile broke down near the Coney Island end of the Parkway. The big machine could not be moved by a score of volunteers, while traffic was blocked at that point. The patrol wagon horses from the Coney Island station were used to haul the automobile to one side. It finally proceeded to Brooklyn.

Bathers who were hardy enough to brave the cold water and chilly air were thrown into a panic when a wounded seagull flopped on the shoulders of a woman bather. The gull was more frightened

The Brighton Beach boardwalk was filled with naders. The hotel at that place was not closed for the sale of liquor, as was expected it would be. Patrons were invited to enjoy a sandwich with every drink served. The customer was required to pay for the "meal" as well as the drinks. General Piet Cronje, the old Boer warrior, conducted religious services in the Boer encampment. Gathered around the pine board altar in the arena were five hundred Boers and Britons. The services as conducted by the South African general were of the simple South African Dutch Reformed Church.

James Hazen Hyde has evidently selected Dreamland for entertainment for the summer season. He was a visitor at Bostock's yesterday. Introducing himself to Mr. Bostock, he requested an introduction to Bonavita and congratulated him on his exhibitions.

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Two thousand members of the German-American Volksverein, of Philadelphia, were at Luna Park. They came on a special train and visited every attraction in the park.
The day was religiously observed at Sea Gate, The day was religiously observed at Sea Gate, where the new Union Chapel was dedicated by the Rev. Dr. D. Parker Morgan, of the Church of the Heavenly Rest. The chapel is the first to be built at Sea Gate, and marks the beginning of a religious era for the seaside.

The police reported few arrests, and Cantal Dorley Academic 1. The police reported few arrests, and Captain Dooley declared that no excise complaints had been received.

received. Representatives of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals inspected the horses used in the Boer War, at the Brighton Beach encampment, and declared them to be in good condition.

### AUTOS HIT; WOMEN HURT.

## ONE CAR IS SMASHED.

#### Party Returning from Atlantic City Thrown to the Road.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Egg Harbor, N. J., June 11.—An automobile colli-don, which almost proved fatal, happened here this afternoon on the turnpike. A large touring car in which were seated Edward Fillmire and another man, Miss Fillmire and Miss Kerst, was going along the turnpike, when, in turning out for a bicyclist, another large automobile in which were seated Mr. and Mrs. Furvalt and going in the same direction ran into them, upsetting the machine and throwing the occupants beneath it. Miss Fillmire and Miss Kerst were severely hurt sustaining, besides serious internal injuries, a fractured arm and wrist. Both men, who were buried to the front, were uninjured. The women were

Mr. Fillmire lives in Philadelphia, at 16th and Venango sts. Mr. Furvalt is also a resident of Philadelphia Philadelphia.

Both parties were on their way home from Atlantic City. The Fillmire "auto" was wrecked, the wheels being broken from the machine. Mr. Furvalt denies running into the former machine and asserts the wreck was caused by a broken axle, as his machine came out of the accident without a break.

of danger.

### ROPE HALTS SPEEDER.

#### Constables Lie in Wait for Automobilists Near Camden.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Camden, N. J., June 11 .- A string of Camden County constables was stretched out on the road to Atlantic City to-day to keep tab on automobilists likely to evade the new law against speeding and carrying license tags. At Waterford Squire Boogar kept open house all day ready for the hapless ones. The first unfortunate was Albert Halverson, of New-York. He had sped by several officers, but when he reached Waterford he found himself face to face with a big wire rope cable stretched between a tree and telegraph pole, with constable Bates grimly guarding the defence.

Mr. Halverson was forced to stop, and he was angry clear through. His protests were in vain, however, for the constable took him to the office of the waiting squire, where a fine of \$20 was imposed for breaking the speed law. The money was paid by women in Mr. Halverson's party. Later in the day H. J. Hay, of Newark, paid a fine of \$10 for failure to display his State license number; George Warden, a Philadelphian, did the same.

### MRS. LAWTON DEAD FROM INJURIES.

#### Her Horse, Frightened by Automobiles, Ran Away at Stamford. IRY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

Stamford, Conn., June 11.—Mrs. Abbie G. Law-ton, widow of Asa T. Lawton, of Newport, died late last night at her home, on Strawberry Hill, from injuries received in a runaway accident yesterday afternoon. Two automobiles, going fast, frightened her horse, and the runaway followed. One automobile drove on out of sight, and the police here are trying to find the driver. E. R. Washburn, of New-York and Sound Beach, owned the other. He stopped and did all he could for Mrs. Lawton, Mr. Lawton was one of the 'forty-niners

did much to develop California, was one of the founders of the Bank of California, and left a large fortune. Mrs. Lawton is survived by a son, Herbert Lawton, and a sister. Miss Hannah M.

### "AUTO" RUN PROVES ECONOMICAL.

#### Travel by Road as Cheap as by Rail, so the Drivers Say. About a dozen of the automobiles that started

Saturday morning in the economy run of the Long Island Automobile Club to Southampton, Long Island, returned to Brooklyn last evening. Only a few of the drivers went to the club, the others going directly home. The run was to show the value of the automobile as compared with transportation by railroad train, the basis of allowance being a round trip ticket by railroad from Brooklyn to Southampton and return.

While the drivers were retleent as to the expense of the trip until the official list is given out, some said that the trip was made at a less expense than

### DOCTOR'S "AUTO" STONED BY BOYS.

### One Leaves His Bicycle Behind Him When Physician Gives Chase.

Verona, N. J., June 11 (Special).—As Dr. James Brown, a Montclair physician, was crossing the Peckman River bridge in his automobile last night a number of boys began to throw stones at the car. The physician stopped his machine and ran after the boys. One of them, Frank Collins, left his bicycle behind. The physician took it to a drug store,

### HIT BY "AUTO," BUT LIVES.

#### Boy Gets \$10 for Ability to Withstand Shock of Collision With Car.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] flaunting a \$10 bill as evidence of his ability to withstand the shock of an automobile collision. The boy had been run down by a car while he was riding his bicycle on the White Horse Turnpike. The driver of the machine was so glad to find that he had not mangled the lad to death that he dusted him off, patted his head and pressed the bill into his hand.

### EXCUSES GET SPEEDERS OFF EASY.

#### Two Automobilists Admit Fast Driving, but Are Discharged. Two automobilists, arrested for exceeding the

speed limit of fifteen miles an hour, fared luckily in Morrisania police court yesterday morning. One of them said he was Dr. James McInerny, of No. 136 Manhattan-ave. According to Patsolman Goll, of the Wakefield

station, the doctor was driving along Pelham Parkway at twenty-four miles an hour. The doctor did not deny that he was going faster than the law allows, but said he was on a hurry call to a patient at New-Rochelle and thought he was privileged to

at New-Rochelle and thought he was privileged to go as fast as he could. He was discharged. Foster Milliken, of No. 49 West Thirty-second-st., admitted that he was driving at seventeen miles an hour, but said there was a steep grade at that point and he was speeding up a little to climb it. "You were exceeding the limit only two miles an hour," said the magistrate, "and I will let you go this time. But be careful in the future."

### HEAVY BOND FOR DRIVER.

#### Man in Charge of Car that Killed Three on \$30,000 Bail.

Chicago, June 11 .- The bodies of Mrs. Marion Kurtzman and her husband, victims of last night's automobile accident, were found to-night about two hundred and fifty feet from the spot where the automobile plunged into the Chicago River at the Rush-st. bridge. The body of Wilson A. Bartley has not yet been found. rought to a local hotel. It is stated they are out

William H. Hoops, jr., who was in charge of the automobile at the time of the accident, was arrested on a charge of criminal carelessness, When the automobile was taken from the river it was found, it is said, that the throttle was wide open and the brakes were in working or-der. Hoops's father secured the release of his son on \$30,000 bonds.

#### CORONER'S FAMILY PARTY UPSET.

#### Mr. Williams, of Brooklyn, Slightly Hurt When Automobile Frightened His Horse.

Coroner Philip T. Williams, the Republican leader of the 13th Assembly District, Brooklyn, who, it was thought, had been seriously injured when the surrey in which he was driving with Mrs. Williams, their two children and three others tipped over, was much better yesterday. At his home, No. 129 Devoe-st., Williamsburg, it was said that none of the injuries were serious and that the coroner hoped to be out again in a week.

The coroner's right wrist was sprained, his left

knee cap bruised and he had cuts on the forehead and chin. His back was also strained. The other members of the party escaped with a severe shak-ing up, except Florence Parker, fourteen years old, of No. 704 Grand-st., whose left foot was bruised. of No. 704 Grand-st., whose left foot was bruised. An automobile was the cause of all the trouble, which occurred on Saturday night. The coroner, who had taken the children to Coney Island in a three-seated surrey, was driving home through Washington-ave, about 11 o'clock. He was near Flatbush-ave, when an automobile came down the hill. The horse started to run, and at the curb ran onto a pile of paving stones and the surrey was turned on its side.

### FIVE AUTO ARRESTS IN BABLYON.

#### One Had a Good Reason to Hurry, He Said, and Got Off with a Light Fine.

Babylon, Long Island, June 11.-Five arrests were made to-day in the crusade against automobile speeding which began two weeks ago. All the prisoners were arraigned before Justice Cooper. Those arrested were a French driver in charge of the car of H. Duncan Wood, of New-York, whose fine of \$20 was paid by Mr. Wood; John Moore, who was driving a car with a party of six from New-York; L. E. Van Syckle, of Brooklyn, and H. Mac-Munther, of 5th-ave., New-York. They were fined \$20 apiece, which was paid. Louis Banard, of Amityville, escaped with a fine of only \$5, as he explained to Justice Cooper that there was urgent need to hurry, and confidentially told the judge the cause.

"AUTO" SCARES HORSE; RIDER THROWN. Charles Grossman, who lives at the Hotel Bres lin. Broadway and 29th-st., was removed to the Presbyterian Hospital yesterday from 104th-st. driveway in the park, where he had been thrown from his horse. An automobile frightened the horse. Mr. Grossman's right elbow was broken.

### PLAN BIG COAL MERGER.

### J. P. Morgan & Co. in Deal Involving \$40,000,000.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Columbus, Ohio, June 11 .- All but the details are arranged for the organization of a company which will be the second largest producer of bituminous coal in the world, the Pittsburg Coal Company being the first.

It is announced that all the stock of the Kanawha and Hocking Coal and Coke Company and the Continental Coal Company has been deposited with J. P. Morgan & Co., and as soon as the details can be worked out these two companies will be consolidated with the Sunday Creek Coal Company. Later arrangements will be made to take over the St. Paul and Western Coal Company, of Duluth, and the Boston Coal

and Dock Company, of Duluth.

The new company will control 90,000 acres of coal lands, wharves and docks, and its own railroad cars. The capital stock will be \$40,000,000.

### MISSES MARK; HITS MAN.

### Manager of Coney Island Shooting Gallery Wounded by Woman.

Joseph Regan, manager of a shooting gallery a the Bowery and Thompson's Walk, Coney Island, Matthew Fink returned to his home on South
Broadway this afternoon limping painfully, but ple last night by Miss Sybil Stedman, who gave taken to the Coney Island Emergency Hospital, and at a late hour last night was not expected to live. The young woman was locked up in the Coney Island police station on a charge of homi-With her was Miss Amelia Rossen cide.

The shooting is believed to be accidental, but for a time it was rumored that it was not, and the crowds that frequent the Bowery section about midnight became demonstrative against the young woman. As far as can be learned Miss Stedman shot Regan while trying to hit one of the various targets. It appears that she and her companion went up to the gallery about midnight and took a revolver with which to shoot at the figures floating before them. Miss Stedman aimed, but in some manner the revolver turned in her hand. It went off and the bullet entered Regan's temple. He was, it is said, inside the ropes when the revolver was discharged.

The woman became hysterical when she saw what she had done, and could hardly be calmed for an hour or more.

### MAY HOLD THEIR PLACES.

#### DEPENDS ON HENDRICKS.

# Morton May Retain Equitable Offi-

cers, Says Alexander Adherent. When Paul Morton, the new chairman of the oard of directors of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, returns to this city, early this week, plans will be worked out by him, the officers of the so ciety and their lawyers for the complete reorganization of the management. This will include a reorganization of the board of directors to admit twenty-eight directors representing policyholders

and a new executive committee, with at least one of the new directors as a member. A friend of Mr. Alexander said last night that whether or not Mr. Morton accepted the resignations of those who have given him their resignations depended on the Hendricks report.

"Secretary Morton," said this man, "had talks with President Alexander and Vice-President Hyde. He told them they must bury their differences, and that unless the report of Superintendent Hendricks made a showing that demanded their removal they could keep their present places.

"Secretary Morton will make a personal inspec-tion of the books, with the heads of departments at his elbow, and confer with them on measures for economy and for a clearer method of bookkeeping. 'He is going to call the general agents to erence and go over their books, having them state the business on which advances have been made and how well secured such business is. If, in big advances, the business is not in keeping, he will cancel the contracts of the general agents.

"He will ask the New-York Life and the Mutual Life to join the Equitable in putting an end to rebating. He will not stand for rebates in the How the reorganization of the directorate with

be brought about depends almost entirely on Mr. Morton, the directors say. He in all probability will confer with Superintendent Hendricks of the State Insurance Department before taking any action in that direction. Fourteen vacancies exist now in the board because of resignations. Whether Mr. Morton will ask all the other directors to resign, that a complete new board may be elected, nobody knows, directors least of all. ton's first work will be to decide on his method of

putting into effect the mutualization made possible by the transfer of the Hyde stock controll to the making of the new executive committee by the new board, and then will come a discussion of the salaries to be paid to the new officers, and, probably, an election to determine who shall be the new officers. No meeting of the board has been called yet, and no call will be issued, it is thought, until after the meeting of the executive committee on Wednesday,

at which Mr. Morton will begin to get his plane into operation. After he has decided as to how the new board shall be chosen, he will be confronted by the more technical details of the re-organization, among them the restricting of the society's investments and the cutting down of bank balances. All these points he will take up with the new officers.

Superintendent Hendricks will be here to-day, it

is expected, to complete his examination. Before he left the city last week he was about through, but one or two more witnesses may be called. His report is promised for Thursday, but he hopes to have it completed, and possibly filed, a day before then. On this report will depend greatly Mr. Morton's

course of action. Before the great changes in the Equitable situation brought about by last Friday's meeting, the principal feature of the report was understood to be a caustic denunciation of the official conduct of the president and vice-president, which would undoubtedly have been taken by the superintendent as ground for action by the Attor ey General. The effect of any such finding in the report

would be almost entirely discounted by their resignations, now in the hands of the new chairman. The report, however, will probably contain details of their official career held to be censurable. Analyses of the syndicate underwritings of James H. Hyde and Associates and a strong condemnation of them, it has been predicted, will form an important part of the report. Criticism of the high salaries paid to the officers of the sor probably will be another section, discounted by action of the board in voting to reduce it salaries.

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The features of Superintendent Hendricks's report in which Mr. Morton will be most interested, say persons who have been in touch with the department's investigation, will be those taking up the Equitable's relations with its subsidiary companies Equitable's relations with its subsidiary companies—
the numerous banks, trust companies and safe deposit companies in which it holds the control or owns large blocks of stock. There will be room for much improvement there in the reorganized society, these persons say.

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the real estate, too, they say, if he wants his reorganization to be thorough, and the Insurance Department's report may be a great help to him in that, it is said.

Prospect of a legislative investigation of the society seems remote now. The Hendricks report, aside from the reorganization of the directorate, which will wait until after the report is made public, seems about the only important development in prospect.

Thomas F. Ryan was out of the city yesterday. Nothing could be learned about his plans for the trusteeship or the association of policyholders who are to be the owners of the Hyde stock.

The sale of the trust stock, it is said, is an absolute sale, made in good faith on both eides, and no bar to the sale exists. A point was raised as to whether the stock could be sold legally until the expiration of the trust, but the lawyers advised the trustees that it might be sold if a majority of the trustees. President Alexander being the other.

James Hazen Hyde spent the afternoon and most of the evening at Coney Island with a small party of friends. He had an out-of-doors dinner on the pier. He laughed and joked with his friends and seemed in the best of spirits.

### PLAN NATIONAL BOARD OF TRADE.

#### New Body Will Distribute Kansas City Grain Quotations and Prices. Kansas City, Mo., June 11-Articles incorporating

the National Board of Trade, with headquarters in Kansas City, will be filed to-morrow at Jefferson City, Mo. The organization grows out of the recent United States Supreme Court decision sustaining the Chicago Board of Trade's property right in its grain quotations, a decision which deprived numerous grain future dealers of quotations. prived numerous grain future dealers of quotations. The new board, with members in Kansas City, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Chicago, Cincinnati, Denver, Omaha, Memphis, Atlanta and Philadelphia, and probably New-York and New-Orleans, will use Kansas City quotations and prices, Kansas City being, the officers of the new board say, the largest primary grain market in the world. The board will open an exchange hall here, and base its quotations on actual cash grain transactions. C. C. Christie, of Kansas City, has been elected president.

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